GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:43
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2005
MALPRACTICES IN FEDERATIONS
Renge Patil Shri Tukaram Ganpatrao;Singh Deo Smt. Sangeeta Kumari

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain malpractices/irregularities have been unearthed for organising games and selecting players by the various federations under the Sports Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of such cases unearthed during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the names of officers involved in such malpractices/irregularities and the action taken against them so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND INDIAN OVERSEAS AFFAIRS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (d) : The National Sports Federations (NSFs) are not under Sports Authority of India (SAI) and these NSFs are autonomous registered bodies. The selection of players and organization of individual games is within the purview of the NSFs.The Government supplements the efforts of recognized NSFs by providing financial assistance for various sports activities. The Government has appointed Observers for various sports disciplines to oversee the selection process and submit their report. The Ministry takes cognizance of these reports while considering proposals of NSFs, seeks clarifications if needed and where necessary asks for a fresh selection process.
In the recent past, there have been cases where faulty selection process was detected by the Ministry for instance in Badminton, Volleyball and Kabaddi. In all these cases, the concerned NSF was asked to conduct fresh selections. Teams were approved when this was followed to the satisfaction of the Ministry.